First Member of Council.—

The Foundation pays the Doctor. Government have given him the use of a car.

Mr. Basappa Setty.—

Who is the expert that has come here?

Senior Surgeon.—

Dr. Sweet.

MR. B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk), MR. B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk), MR. NADIG BHASKAR RAO (Sorab Taluk), MR. A. N. VENKOBA RAO (Kumsi Sub-Taluk), MR. A. S. MURIGAPPA and MR. BASAPPA (Shimoga Taluk).—

Q.—23. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The number of supersessions, if any, in the grade of Rs. 50—5—75 and Rs. 75—10—125 in the Education Department.

(2) Has it come to the notice of Government, that while there were sufficiently qualified persons drawing a fixed salary with long service, preference was given to new applicants?

(3) Has the gradation list of the Education Department been published for the last 2 years to enable the officers of that department to know theirplaces?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—23. (1) Government regret their inability to furnish the information.

(2) No. It may however be stated that new applicants are generally started on fixed salaries against graded vacancies and not in graded appointments.

(3) The Gradation List of officers down to Rs. 75—10—125 is published in the Civil List.

The Gradation List of all officers in the department will be printed early.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

With reference to Question (1) why is not information furnished?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Gradation list is meant only for the departmental officers, and cannot be given to the members.

Mr. Bhaskara Rao.—

Should we not know what is contained in it?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Not necessary.

Mr. Basappa Setty.—

Are grades given with reference to University Degrees or efficiency?

Third Member of Council.—

Both are necessary.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

How will you gauge the efficiency of different candidates?

Third Member of Council.—

We judge it on the basis of the reports of the Headmasters, Inspectors and the Director.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Is it true that there are supersessions?

First Member of Council.—

Government think that there have been no supersessions.

Third Member of Council.—

If you take into consideration only seniority, there may be some supersessions.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

What was the reason for such supersessions?

Third Member of Council.—

The Government Order on the subject answers that question.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Does not that order lay down that an M.A., L.T., or an M.A., trained should be put in a higher grade?

Third Member of Council.—

Please refer to the order.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Has any old B.A., recently trained, been allowed to supersede an untrained M.A.?

Third Member of Council.—

That requires notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

On what principles do you select candidates for training?

Director of Public Instruction.—

We select men according to seniority subject to the condition that they represent the Inspectorate, High School staff, Middle School staff, Normal School staff, and so on, as far as possible.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Why have some new hands been selected to the prejudice of some older teachers?

Third Member of Council.—

Some are very old.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Some young men also have not been selected.

Director of Public Instruction.—

They are not selected for very good reasons.

Third Member of Council.—

In some cases, when they are selected, they plead inability to go for training.

Director of Public Instruction.—

And some have returned without passing.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Has anybody refused to go for training ?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Yes.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Which of the persons superseded have so refused?

Director of Public Instruction.—

I cannot answer that now.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

What is the way to remedy the defect, if arbitrary selections are made ?

Dewan.—

You are raising a discussion on the subject; it is hardly a supplementary question.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Why has not the date of promotion been given in so many cases ?

Director of Public Instruction.—

I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Who is responsible for the omission ?

Third Member of Council.—

I want notice for that.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar —

Is it true that no gradation list has been maintained for 3 years past ?

Third Member of Council.—

Please see the answer to the third part of the question.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Why was it not prepared for the past 3 years ?

Third Member of Council.—

I hope the member will be satisfied if I say that it will be published early.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

If no gradation list is maintained, how is the department to manage to get the information it requires ?

Third Member of Council.—

Though the gradation list is not maintained, necessary information is available for the guidance of the office.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is the opinion of the Head of the Department important in regard to selection for training ?

Third Member of Council.—

Certainly.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Is the gradation list not necessary for members of this Assembly to ascertain whether the Head of a Department has been discharging his duties and patronage justly or not ?

Third Member of Council.—

Gradation list is not meant for that. It is meant to facilitate the administration of the department. If any officer feels that he is not justly treated, he has got a right of appeal to the higher authorities.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Is it not necessary to publish such things to enable us to bring to the notice of the Government any cases of dereliction of duty on the part of the Head of the Department ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is not usual.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

In view of the large extent to which the Education Department exercises patronage, is it not necessary to publish a gradation list every year ?

Third Member of Council.—

Not necessary.

Resolutions.

MR. K. RAME GOWDA moved the following resolution:—

"That this Assembly recommends to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja that at least 5 lakhs of rupees may be reserved annually to create more irrigation facilities in the maidan districts of the State by a suitable scheme to conserve water which goes out of the State through rivers, channels and other means."

He added that various representatives from the maidan districts were repeatedly pressing this subject on the attention of Government.

THE DEWAN observed that as indicated in his Opening Address, it was the policy of Government to restore tanks and also to construct new ones as far as possible. It was with this object that two new circles had been created under different Superintending Engineers and it was to be expected that the work in future would be very brisk.

MR. RAME GOWDA invited attention to his great increase in the percentage of agriculturists to the total population of the State, and said that while the percentage according to the census of 1891 was 67, it had risen to 81 according to the census of 1921. A great many of the tanks had breached several years ago and most of these still awaited restoration. The capacity of most of the tanks had gone down and the water was not enough for raising crops. Figures relating to the extent of land under wet cultivation disclosed that in 1917-18 there were 235,000 acres but according to the administration report for 1923 this area had gone down by 78,000 acres. It was the duty of the Government to provide increasing agricultural facilities consistent with the increase in population.